

Senate File 202 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 202
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1094)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to third-party payment of services provided by
2 physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech
3 pathologists.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.30 **Services provided**
2 **by a physical therapist, occupational therapist, or speech**
3 **pathologist.**

4 1. Notwithstanding the uniformity of treatment requirements
5 of section 514C.6, a policy, contract, or plan providing
6 for third-party payment or prepayment of health or medical
7 expenses shall not impose a copayment or coinsurance amount
8 on an insured for services provided by a physical therapist
9 licensed pursuant to chapter 148A, by an occupational therapist
10 licensed pursuant to chapter 148B, or by a speech pathologist
11 licensed pursuant to 154F that is greater than the copayment or
12 coinsurance amount imposed on the insured for services provided
13 by a person engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery
14 or osteopathic medicine and surgery under chapter 148 for the
15 same or a similar diagnosed condition even if a different
16 nomenclature is used to describe the condition for which the
17 services are provided.

18 2. This section applies to the following classes of
19 third-party payment provider policies, contracts, or plans
20 delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this
21 state on or after July 1, 2015:

22 *a.* Individual or group accident and sickness insurance
23 providing coverage on an expense-incurred basis.

24 *b.* An individual or group hospital or medical service
25 contract issued pursuant to chapter 509, 514, or 514A.

26 *c.* An individual or group health maintenance organization
27 contract regulated under chapter 514B.

28 *d.* A plan established pursuant to chapter 509A for public
29 employees.

30 *e.* An organized delivery system licensed by the director of
31 public health.

32 3. This section shall not apply to accident-only,
33 specified disease, short-term hospital or medical, hospital
34 confinement indemnity, credit, dental, vision, Medicare
35 supplement, long-term care, basic hospital and medical-surgical

1 expense coverage as defined by the commissioner, disability
2 income insurance coverage, coverage issued as a supplement
3 to liability insurance, workers' compensation or similar
4 insurance, or automobile medical payment insurance.

5 EXPLANATION

6 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
7 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

8 This bill provides that a policy, contract, or plan
9 providing for third-party payment or prepayment of health or
10 medical expenses shall not impose a copayment or coinsurance
11 amount on an insured for services provided by a physical
12 therapist, occupational therapist, or speech pathologist that
13 is greater than the copayment or coinsurance amount imposed on
14 the insured for services rendered by a person engaged in the
15 practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and
16 surgery for the same or a similar diagnosed condition even if a
17 different nomenclature is used to describe the condition for
18 which the services are provided.

19 The bill applies to specified individual and group policies,
20 contracts, and plans that are issued for delivery, continued,
21 or renewed in this state on or after July 1, 2015.